

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group
FINAL: Minutes for September Meeting
9/14/05

Minutes by Dorothy Shoemaker

Present at meeting:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance	(b) (6)	St. Johns Neighborhood, CAG Chair
		Administrative committee coordinator
Peter Laughingwolf	(b) (6)	Cathedral Park Neighborhood
(b) (6)	(b) (6)	Linnton Neighborhood

Environment:

Dorothy Shoemaker	dorothy.shoemaker@oregon.sierraclub.org	Sierra Club, CAG Board Secretary
Joe Keating	(b) (6)	Oregon Wildlife Federation Education and Outreach coordinator
Travis Williams	travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org	Willamette Riverkeeper

Business:

Steve Gunther	(b) (6)	Progressive Products and Services
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Health:

Jane Harris	jane@oregon-health.org	Oregon Center for Environmental Health (OCEH), Evaluation Committee coordinator
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At-Large:

(b) (6)	(b) (6)	Citizen
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Absent:

Environment:

Rhett Lawrence	rhett@ospirg.org	OSPIRG
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Business:

Bill Barrett	(b) (6)	Waterfront Org. of Oregon (WOO)
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Recreation:

Bill Egan	no email, (b) (6)	Oregon Bass and Panfish Club
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At Large:

(b) (6)	no email, (b) (6)	Citizen
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Others present:

Barbara Smith	Barbara@harrisandsmith.com	Lower Willamette Group
Regina Skarzinskas	regina@TASLLC.com	Willamette-Riverkeeper
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Kate Toepel	Kathryn.toepel@state.or.us	ODHS/SHINE
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Kim Cox	kimc@bes.clopdx.or.us	City of Portland
Jim McKenna	jim.mckenna@portofportland.com	Port of Portland
Sue Safford	susan.safford@portofportland.com	Port of Portland
Bob Wyatt	rgw@nwnatural.com	Lower Willamette Group
Mark Lewis	mlewis@newfields.com	New Fields

Meeting brought to order by Robin Plance, Chair of Portland Harbor CAG, at 6:05 PM.
The CAG now meets at the City of Portland Water Lab.

Our next meeting is October 12, 2005, at the Water Lab. We welcome everyone interested in the Portland Harbor cleanup. There will be a closed session until 7:00 PM, at which time observers and the general public are invited.

MOTION: Accept the August CAG minutes. Jim Robison moved, Joe Keating seconded. All agreed.

Administrative Committee:

Dorothy Shoemaker requested that the CAG help pay for a computer for her to use, as her computer had a problem. Travis Williams said that the Technical Assistance Grant from EPA could not be used for this. Joe Keating reminded Travis that Joe hadn't been reimbursed for the PRP mailing we did a few months ago. Travis reimbursed Joe in the full amount at the meeting.

Several CAG members plan to attend the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition's program for CAGs in Seattle.

MOTION: Authorize Dorothy Shoemaker to finalize the wording of the CAG's letter to the ATSDR, send it by email for approval, and then Dorothy will send it. Jim Robison moved, Joe Keating seconded. All agreed.

Presentation: Lower Willamette Group

Jim McKenna and Bob Wyatt, co-chair of the LWG, made a powerpoint presentation. The Portland Harbor RI/FS is expected to be finished in 2007, 6 years from initiation. This is short for a Superfund RI/FS. The LWG is hoping for a Record of Decision (ROD) in 2008.

The Initial Study Area (ISA) has been modified: The LWG is now studying River Mile 11 to RM 2. This makes the ISA bigger, at 9 miles.

LWG has spent \$28.5 million. They've collected over 300 chemical samples, which are being analyzed for about 300 chemicals.

The navigation channel is almost as wide as the Willamette, at 600 to 1500 feet wide. The navigation channel is dredged by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Most chemical contamination is found near the shore and banks.

To make equal amounts of fish for study, the fish for filet and whole fish samples are packed together to make composite filets or composite whole bodies for testing.

The LWG has not been able to catch a lamprey. The LWG used Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) sample information on salmon and sturgeon.

The toxics that look like the most trouble for the Portland Harbor are: mercury, PCB Aroclors, DDT, Bis (2-ethylhex)phthalate, and PAH. The first 3 are in most fish, but the LWG is testing at low detection thresholds.

Peter Laughingwolf arrived at 7:15 PM.

Bill McKenna and Bob Wyatt concluded that the Feasibility Study is next. They will also identify data gaps and write Field Sampling Plans (FSPs) to find the data.

We ended with questions and answers. Robin Plance adjourned the meeting around 8:20 PM.